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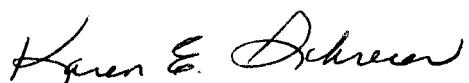
Re: Mears v. City of Sioux Falls
Civ. 05-4008-KES

Dear Counsel:

The trial date of June 6, 2006, is approaching. The pretrial conference is scheduled for May 19, 2006, and the pretrial submissions are due May 12, 2006. If this case can be settled, that possibility should be explored very soon. Magistrate Judge John Simko would be willing to conduct a settlement conference if you feel it would be helpful.

Please contact Chris Gross at Judge Simko's office (330-4389) if you are interested in scheduling a settlement conference.

Very truly yours,



Karen E. Schreier
Chief Judge

cc: Magistrate Judge Simko